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FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2999

INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

AMCONSUL LAHORE

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AMEMBASSY DACCA

AMEMBASSY RANGOON

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TAGS:ORPE (MC GOVERN, GEORGE)

SUBJECT: CODEL MC GOVERN

1. AMBASSADOR WELCOMES SEN. AND MRS. MCGOVERN AND REST OF CODEL AND INVITES SENATOR AND MRS. MCGOVERN TO STAY AT ROOSEVELT HOUSE. OTHER MEMBERS OF CODEL WILL BE BOOKED INTO SINGLES AT ASHOKA HOTEL, ONE BLOCK FROM RESIDENCE, RATHER THAN OBEROI INTERCONTINENTAL (THREE MILES AND 15 MINUTE DRIVE FROM EMBASSY) UNLESS OTHERWISE INFORMED. ACCOMMODATIONS AT ASHOKA ARE COMPARABLE WITH THOSE AT INTERCONTINENTAL.

2. CODEL CONTROL OFFICER WILL BE FSO-4 PETER TOMSEN, HOME TEL 371258.

3. SUGGESTED TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR CODEL AS FOLLOWS (PM AND OTHER MINISTERS' SCHEDULES FOR VISIT PERIOD UNCERTAIN).

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 7: 11:30 - TOMSEN MEETS CODEL AT WAGAH BORDER POST. DRIVE TO AIRPORT VIA VISIT TO SIKH

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GODEN TEMPLE IN AMRITSAR. (RECOMMEND CODEL

BRING BOX LUNCHES FROM LAHORE SINCE RESTAURANT
FACILITIES IN AMRITSAR ARE POOR.)
1430- DEPART AMRITSAR BY AIR FOR DELHI
1520 - ARRIVE NEW DELHI, MET BY AMBASSAOR'S COUNSEL
RAKESTRAW. SENATOR AND MRS. MCGOVERN GO TO ROOSEVELT
HOUSE AND REMAINDER OF CODEL TO HOTEL.
2000 - DINNER WITH AMB. AND MRS. SAXBE AT RESIDENCE WITH
SENIOR INDIAN LEADERS.

THURSDAY, JAN. 8:

0930-1030: EMBASSY BRIEFING.
1100 - CALL ON FONMIN CHAVAN (WITH AMBASSADOR)
1315 - LUNCH WITH DCM SCHNEIDER AND KEY SENIOR INDIAN
OFFICIALS.
1530 - CALL ON AGRICULTURE MINISTER RAM (WITH AMBASSADOR)
1700 - CALL AND TEA WITH PM GANDHI (MRS. MCGOVERN AND
AMBASSADOR AND MRS. SAXBE ACCOMPANY)
2000 - OPEN FOR INDIAN GOVT DINNER FOR SENATOR AND MRS.
MCGOVERN AND OTHERS OF CODEL.

FRIDAY, JAN. 9:

AGRA-VISIT TYPICAL INDIAN VILLAGE, WHICH IS NOT A MODEL,
BUT WHICH ALSO HAS A PL-480-FUNDED "FOOD FOR WORK" PROJECT
SPONSORED BY THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE. EMB AGRIATT JOHNSON
AND CODEL CONTROL OFFICER TOMSEN WILL ACCOMPANY. ALSO VISIT
TAJ MAHAL, AND ABANDONED MOGHUL CAPITAL AT FATEPHUR
SIKRI. LEAVE NEW DELHI 0800 BY COMMERCIAL FLIGHT AND
RETURN TO NEW DELHI BY 1730. IN THE EVENING WE WOULD
PLAN VERY INFORMAL BUFFET DINNER AT EMBASSY-RUN RESTAURANT
FOR SENATOR AND MRS. MCGOVERN, ALL MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY,
AND MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN OFFICIAL COMMUNITY AND THEIR
WIVES. (EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING NUMBER AND NAMES OF
MEMBERS OF CODEL GOING ON AGRA TRIP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

SATURDAY, JAN. 10: MORNING FREE FOR SIGHTSEEING AND SHOPPING.

1315: POLCOUNSELOR KREISBERG LUNCH FOR SENATOR AND MRS.
MCGOVERN WITH MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND INDIAN POLITICIANS.
1645 - DEPART DELHI FOR CALCUTTA

4. THERE IS NO WAY OF GOING FROM AGRA DIRECTLY TO CALCUTTA OR
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OF RETURNING FROM AGRA TO DELHI IN TIME TO MAKE DIRECT CONNECTIONS
TO CALCUTTA EXCEPT FOR LATE EVENING PLANE ARRIVING CALCUTTA
AT 2145.

5. WE HAVE NO INCLUDED VISIT TO PARLIAMENT BUT THIS COULD BE
DONE IN BRIEF VISIT ON MORNING JAN. 10. SENATOR MAY HAVE SOME
RESERVATIONS ABOUT DEGREE TO WHICH HE MAY WISH TO ASSOCIATE
HIMSELF WITH PARLIAMENT WHILE INDIAN EMERGENCY IS IN FORCE

AND APPROXIMATELY 30 INDIAN MPS ARE STILL IN PRISON. WE SEE
LESS PROBLEM WITH MEETING MPS IN INFORMAL SOCIAL GATHERING WHICH
WE HAVE SUGGESTED BUT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING CODEL'S PREFERENCE.

6. THERE ARE THREE AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS CURRENTLY IN DELHI
(N.Y. TIMES, AP, AND TIME). ONE OR MORE WILL PROBABLY BE AT
AIRPORT WHEN CODEL ARRIVES. US CORRESPONDENTS MAY ALSO REQUEST
OPPORTUNITY FOR MEETING WITH SENATOR WHILE HE IS IN DELHI.
THERE IS TIME LATE IN DAY ON JAN. 8 OR 9, OR IN MORNING ON JAN.
10 WHEN THIS COULD BE ARRANGED IF SENATOR WISHES. ARRANGEMENTS
CAN BE MADE ON SPUR OF THE MOMENT. INDIAN PRESS MAY ALSO
WANT TO MEET SENATOR ALTHOUGH CENSORSHIP MAY AFFECT WHAT THEY
CAN WRITE. WE OFFER CAUTION THAT SENATOR WOULD PROBABLY BE
PRESSED IN ANY SUCH MEETING TO OFFER COMMENTS ON INDIAN
EMERGENCY, PRESS CONTROLS, AND OTHER DOMESTIC INDIAN DEVELOP-
MENTS. PLEASE ADVISE CODEL PREFERENCES ON MEETING EITHER OR
BOTH GROUPS.
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